

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I urge you to stop this obvious corruption of our democratic process. In case you think I am objecting because this is an anti-Kerry documentary, you are wrong. This has nothing to do with party or my party affiliation. This is wrong and you will be making a positive public statement by stopping it. Your image could use a little on the positive side.

Thank you.